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CIA Alerted, Fulton Says

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The Central Intelligence Agency knew the exact date and time of Russia's man-in-space shot well ahead of its occurrence, Representative Fulton, Republican of Pennsylvania, said today. But National Aeronautics and Space Administration officials disagreed.

Other members of the House Science Committee seemed surprised. They immediately asked Mr. Fulton to get back to more pertinent questions about the Russian success. Dr. Hugh Dryden, deputy administrator of NASA said: "To the best of my knowledge, our nation did not know the exact date in advance."

Mr. Fulton wanted to know why Dr. Dryden had pooh-poohed rumors earlier this week that Russia had a man in space.

Dr. Dryden said that at that time Russia had not launched their man. He said the launching came yesterday morning.

Mr. Fulton and Representative Anfuso, Democrat of New York, were critical of the speed of America's program. Mr. Anfuso said: "To properly alert our people I'm ready to call for a full-scale congressional investigation. I want to see our schedules out in half."

Mr. Fulton asked the NASA officials why there aren't night

shifts to speed the Mercury program.

Dr. Dryden replied that there are. He said work was proceeding round the clock at Cape Canaveral.

Mr. Fulton said at the end of the hearing today that the United States should invite

Russia's astronaut for a "ticker tape welcome in New York." He asked NASA Administrator James G. Webb to convey the suggestion to the President.

He said the Russian feat was a success for all humankind.